

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 25, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan
Utility Division

(34) In the matter of Qwest filing for Commission approval of a Master Service Agreement between Qwest and Allstate Insurance Company- Docket No. N2005.1.4:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the request for a Master Service Agreement between Qwest and Allstate Insurance Company. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby
Utility Division

(35) In the matter of Sprint Communications Company, L.P. requesting a January 19, 2005 effective date for the Sprint Business Simple Rate Plan.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the January 19, 2005 effective date for the Sprint Business Simple Rate Plan. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck
Utility Division

(36) In the matter of Black Hills Power Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider- Docket No. D2004.12.201:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider in Docket No. D2004.12.201. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation/ Centralized Services Division

(37) In the matter of Docket No.T-05.1.ST- Lynn J. Labatte dba L&L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana filed application to transfer PSC No. 5039 to Allen C. Bowker dba Bowker Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana. Parties to this sale and transfer have requested that the application be withdrawn and the docket be closed:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to allow the withdrawal of the application for transfer and sale and close the Docket. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(38) In the matter of TN2247- cancellation of the lease of PSC No. 5039 from Lynn J. Labatte dba L&L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana to Allen C Bowker Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to cancel the lease of PSC No. 5039 from Lynn J. Labatte dba L&L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana to Allen C Bowker Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(39) In the matter of TN2249- lease of PSC No. 5039 Lynn J. Labette dba L&L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana to Allen C Bowker Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 5039 Lynn J. Labette dba L&L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana to Allen C Bowker Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(40) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 24, 2005. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson
Legal Division

(41) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWest Energy Qualifying Facility Tariffs- Docket No. D2003.7.86 and D2004.6.96:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant pro hac vice status to Peter Richardson in this consolidated docket. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist

Utility Division

(42) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utilities application to increase natural gas rates:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the stipulation between Montana Consumer Council and Montana Dakota Utilities in Docket No. D2004.4.50, and that the Commission issue an Order to that effect, and further including direction related to the marginal supply costs as identified by staff. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(43) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Personnel, Act on two requests to extend the time to use their excess annual leave.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the request for Mike Lee and Will Rosquist to extend their time to use excess annual leave. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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